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INDONESIAN AIR FORCE AGREES TO
FORMATION OF NEW PARLIAMENT

Following is the translation of an
article appearing in Suluh Indonesia
(Torch of Indonesia). Djakarta, 20
June, 1960, p. 1.]

Djakarta, June 30th (Sulindo)

The Departmental Head of Public Relations of the AURI, Air Force Major Agoes Soeroto, explains that the change of names of the members of the AURI in the old register for members of the DPRGR was made only for technical reasons.

Thus the explanation of Major Agoes Soeroto was in regard to the rumors that 6 members of the AURI have already refused or withdrawn themselves from membership in the DPRGR.

Because Of The Full-Time Task

According to Major Agoes Soeroto, the Minister of the Air Force at first presented to the President a list of the members of the AURI for prospective membership in the DPRGR, based on the understanding that the position of a member in the DPRGR is only part-time. After having explained that the task of a member in the DPRGR is a

full-time one, and bearing in mind that the above mentioned members in the AURI are probably not able to perform a full-time job (because of their functions in the AURI), a new list of names was given to the Minister of the Air Force.

With this new proposal the 6 names on the old list were substituted by 6 new names.

Auri Agrees With DPRGR

After explaining the problem of changing those names, Major Agoes Soeroto furthermore stresses that thus it will not disturb the speeding up of tasks in the AURI, and the AURI in the meantime will continue to support the DPRGR as much as possible with its capacity.

At the end, it was explained that the AURI agreed 100 percent with the formation of the DPRGR, according to the Departmental Head of Public Relations of the AURI, Air force Major Agoes Soeroto.

HATTA ARTICLE BANNED IN JOGJAKARTA

Following is the translation of an article appearing in Suluh Indonesia (Torch of Indonesia), Djakarta, 20 June 1960, p. 1.]

Fenad RI 13 announces to the public in the territory of the Infantry Regiment 13, which covers the districts of Kedu and Jogjakarta, that those who are in possession, have in store, or receive the pamphlet "Demokrasi Kita", by Dr. Moh. Hatta, should surrender these pamphlets to the nearest military or police authorities.

In the announcement it is further explained, that it is forbidden to distribute and circulate more widely its contents in whatever form. After the 30th of June measures will be taken to those who deliberately disregard this announcement. This is the reason for this announcement.

INDONESIAN CABINET CHARGED WITH
VIOLATING CONSTITUTION

Following is the translation of an article appearing in Harian Abadi (Eternal Daily), Djakarta, 23 June, 1960, p. 1.

Ex-member of the publicly chosen D.P.R., Sutomo, better known as Bung Tomo summoned the Labour Cabinet before the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of the R.I. [Republic of Indonesia] for trespassing which occurred against U.U.D. [the Constitution of] 1945.

The summons was contained in a letter which was handed over yesterday [on June 22nd.]

Bung Tomo's letter was as follows:

Merdeka! [Freedom].

I, Sutomo, as signed hereunder, citizen of the Republic of Indonesia, address: Djalan Besuki 27, Djakarta, herewith summon the Cabinet, at this moment led by Ir. Dr. Soekarno, for the trespasses, made by the fore-mentioned Cabinet against the Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia of 1945, through steps taken by the forementioned Cabinet by dispersing the chosen by the public Parliament of the Republic of Indonesia (which rightly carried

out the task of Congress according to the Constitution of 1945) and replacing it by a Congress appointed by an authority [to his interest].

Therefore, I, as a citizen of the Republic of Indonesia, who at August 17th 1945, witnessed that the reason for the struggle of the Indonesian people is not to give anyone the opportunity to violate the law in our Country, and that the forementioned violation will point to a change of the 17th of August 1945 Proclamation of the Republic of Indonesia from a Law abiding Country [Democracy] to a Power State [Dictatorship]; therefore I ask the Supreme Court of the Republic Indonesia for justice.

This summons I forward with my conviction and believe that the Supreme Court of the Republic of Indonesia up till now holds to the Constitution of 1945, which confirms that the lawful authority is the authority of freedom, which means that it must be separated from the influence of the Governmental authority.

Thus the summons of Bung Tomo.

THE INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT AND MUHAMMADIYAH

Following is the translation of an article appearing in Harian Abadi (Eternal Daily), Djakarta, 18 June 1960, p. 1.

On this Friday morning president Soekarno announced the increase of the membership of the DPRGR by 22 more persons, who are 1 member from the Labor group, 16 of from karya alim-ulama [Moslem Leaders/Scholars], 3 from the Youth group, and 2 from the women's group. Thus overall membership of the DPRGR becomes 283.

Also, 10 persons who had refused or withdrawn are substituted by: 1 person from the political grouping, 2 persons from the Christian Party, 1 person from the intellectual group and 6 persons from the AURI [Indonesian Air Force].

Meanwhile no substitute has yet been found for Major H. Aberani, who announced the refusal of his appointment.

The Names Of The Additional Members

The names of the 22 additional new members are as follows:

Labor:

Wartomo Dwidjojuwono.

Islam Leaders:

K. H. Junus Anis (Central Java), K. H. Jusuf Tadjiri (Garut), Idham (Kutaredja), K. H. Achmad Aini Chatib (Bandjarmasin), K. H. Godjali (Djakarta), M. Saleh Ibrahim (Surabaja), K. H. Saroni (Bandung), O. K. H. Abdul Aziz (North Sumatra), Marzuki Jatim (West Sumatra), K. H. Ibrahim Husni (South Sumatra), Iskandar Sulaiman (East Java), Thoha Makroef (Djakarta), K. H. Sjahlen Ridwan (Djepara), K. H. Dimyati (Bandung), Dachlan Kahar (Surabaja), Sjech Marhaban (Atjeh), Dablan Ranumihardja (Djakarta), Jusda (Atjeh) and Ido Garnida (Bandung).

Women's Group:

Mrs. Ratu Aminah Hidajat (Djakarta)

Maimunah Behroq (Pekalongan).

Replacement/Change

Those who are replaced because of refusal or withdrawal are: Mr. Sartono from the PNI, who is replaced by Sarino Mangunpranoto, and Ds. Marantika from the Protestant group, who is replaced by Prof. Latuihamalo.

Pastor Ismail of the Catholics, is replaced by Pastor Widjaja Soeparta.

Of the 7 members of the AURI, only Lt. Col. Achmad

still has a position, while the other 6 members are replaced by: 1) Air Force Col. Sutojo Adiputro, 2) Air Force Major Sudomo Yudodihardjo, 4) Air Force Major Sukotjo, 5) Air Force 1st Lt. Manchin, 6) Air Force 1st Lt. Muhammad Busro.

Regarding the expulsion of Dr. Sukiman from the Intellectual group, the President has appointed Abdullah St. Bandaro Pandjang from West Sumatra (of the intellectual/educational group).

Meanwhile K. H. Muslich, who has not yet joined the Farmers party, moved to the Islam Leaders, and Dasuki Siradj who first belonged to the Islam Leaders, moved to the Farmers Party.

Number of Each Group

With the increase and changes as shown above, the Islam group which had 8 persons, now numbers 24, the Youth group, formerly 6, now numbers 9 persons, the women's group, formerly 6, now numbers 8 persons and the labor group, formerly 25, now numbers 26.

All other groups stayed the same, except the Army, which still has an opening because the replacement of Major H. Aberani has not yet been appointed.

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MEMBERSHIP OF INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT INCREASED

Following is the translation of an article by Dr. H. Ali Akbar, appearing in Harian Abadi (Eternal Daily), Djakarta, 18 June 1960, p. 1.

Regarding the message that additional DPRGR members will be taken from the Muhammadiyah group, Dr. H. Ali Akbar as chairman of the Special Representation Committee of Muhammadiyah in Djakarta, issued a statement, that if a member of Muhammadiyah joins the DPRGR, this will be illegal and will damage the cause of Muhammadiyah itself.

Furthermore, it was explained by Dr. H. Ali Akbar, that such an action was not in agreement with principles and is evidently contradictory to the standpoint of Muhammadiyah.

As Muhammadiyah is a movement of Islam, which possesses its own foundation, which is the foundation of society, Muhammadiyah will not and shall not become a political party. Once Muhammadiyah was moving firmly, seeking its goals and always executing "amar ma'ruf nahi", it was denied [a part in] the overall improvement of society.

Members of Muhammadiyah who have a position in the

government, the board of representatives or a political party are not included. Muhammadiyah intends to cooperate with all parties, whose ideals are not different from the ideals of Muhammadiyah, and to emphasize the Islamic conception.

In the light of the present political situation, the formation of the DPRGR raises different kinds of reactions under the pro's and anti's, which are based on their own standpoints. The difference of those standpoints can also be found in the different circles of the Islamic world in general and in the circles of Muhammadiyah in particular.

Suppose it is true that those additional members of the DPRGR will also be taken from Muhammadiyah; it will be very doubtful that it will create situations that are not desired, and therefore will be repudiated by Muhammadiyah, i.e. a split in Muhammadiyah itself and also with other Islamic groups that do not have a share in the formation of the DPRGR up till now.

For this reason it is desirable that this case be given very careful consideration, first by the Government itself, which certainly does not want any difficulty arising in the circles of Muhammadiyah itself in particular in Islamic circles in general, so Dr. H. Ali Akbar closed

his explanation.

MUHAMMADIJAH MEMBERS NOT AUTHORIZED TO
ENTER INDONESIAN PARLIAMENT

Following is the translation of an
article appearing in Harian Abadi
(Eternal Daily), Djakarta, 17 June
1960, p. 1.7

In the explanation of Dr. H. Ali Akbar, which we
reported yesterday, concerning the members of the
Muhammadiyah, who will be added to the DPRGR, an import-
ant part was not included.

Therefore we will show that report hereunder in
full.

(Red.)

Concerning the news that additional members of the
DPRGR will be chosen out of the ranks of Muhammadiyah, as
the Extraordinary Chairman of the Deputy Council of the
Muhammadiyah it is necessary to give the following explan-
ation:

1. Attitude and standpoint of Muhammadiyah, i.e.
that Muhammadiyah is a movement of the Islamic Religion,
which chooses its own foundation, which is society.

Muhammadiyah is not and will not be a political
party. Once Muhammadiyah, always Muhammadiyah, moving and

seeking its goal and always exercising "amar ma'ruf nahi" only to improve the status of the society in general.

Members of Muhammadiyah who have a position in the Government, the Board of Representatives or a political party are not included.

Muhammadiyah intends to cooperate with all parties, whose ideals are not different from the ideals of Muhammadiyah and emphasize the Islamic conception.

2. There are rumors that a central figure of Muhammadiyah presented a list of names of Muhammadiyah-members to the Government, to be elected as members of the DPRGR and MPRS.

It is certain that such an act is not in accordance with the principles and is in contradiction to the standpoint of Muhammadiyah as explained above, and thus such an act would not be legal and would damage the cause of Muhammadiyah itself.

3. In the light of the present political situation, the formation of the DPRGR raises different reactions under the pro's and anti's, which are based on their own standpoints. The difference of those standpoints can also be found in the different circles of the Islamic world in general and in the circles of Muhammadiyah in particular. Suppose it is true that those additional members of the

DPRGR will also be taken from the Muhammadijah, it will be very doubtful that it will create situations that are not desired, and therefore will be repudiated by the Muhammadijah, i.e. a split in Muhammadijah itself and also with other Islamic groups that do not have a share in the formation of the DPRGR up till now.

4. For this reason it is desirable that this case be given very careful consideration first by the Government itself, which certainly does not want difficulty arising in the circles of Muhammadijah itself in particular and in Islamic circles in general.

May God spare us from all kinds of disruption.

Amen!

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